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Your education. Your passion. Your life. Your Kays & Kennedy

By MIKE STANTON
THE COLLEGIAN

With the widest margin of victory since the Student Governing Association began posting election results online in 2000, Reagan Kays and Cody Kennedy were elected Wednesday to serve as the next student body president and vice president. The two received 2,251 votes, compared to the 367 tallied by Jarrett Romine and AJ Davis.

"We feel relieved, to be honest," Kennedy, junior in secondary education and mathematics, said. "It's definitely been a long process ever since October when Reagan and I first sat down and decided that we wanted to run together. The campaigning ended



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ABOVE: Student body vice president-elect **Cody Kennedy**, junior in secondary education and mathematics, tells his parents and brother about his campaign trail at the Kays & Kennedy election watch party Wednesday evening at Johnny Kaw's in Aggieville.

brought into our ideas," Kays said. "It sets Cody and I up for a great year of service to the student body that we've had this much buy-in from the get-go."

Supporters clad in the campaign's trademark hunter green T-shirts packed Johnny Kaw's in Aggieville Wednesday night, and erupted into applause as the results were announced. As Kays and Kennedy accepted congratulatory handshakes and hugs, sitting president and vice president Eli Schooley and Jake Unruh walked in. Schooley said that it's bittersweet to realize their term is nearing its end, but the two are confident in their successors.

"I've enjoyed my time over the past year and I feel good about what Jake and I have been able to do, but I think Reagan and Cody are going to do a tremendous job enacting their platform issues and representing the student body," Schooley, senior in political science, said. "They

Eli Schooley
SGA President

ed, but now the real part's just starting."

By securing 85.98 percent of the vote, Kays and Kennedy broke the record set by Nate Spriggs and Grant Hill, who won the election in 2012 with 71.37 percent of votes cast. Kays, senior in agribusiness, said he attributes the dominant win to the relevancy of their platform issues to the student body.

"It tells me the campus has



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ABOVE: **Reagan Kays**, senior in agribusiness, hugs running mate **Cody Kennedy**, junior in secondary education and mathematics, after finding out they won the student body president and vice president election by a landslide over competitors Jarrett Romine and AJ Davis Wednesday evening. Kays and Kennedy won by the largest margin of victory — about 85 percent of the vote — since online records began in 2000.

both have a lot of experience getting things done on campus and I think they'll be able to get anything done they set their mind to."

Kays and Kennedy ran on a three-part platform they called "Your Education, Your Passion, Your Life." They plan to streamline tutoring services and communication between student organizations, and advocate for

a medical amnesty law protecting undergraduate students from legal repercussions when seeking medical help for themselves or an acquaintance due to alcohol consumption. Schooley said the medical amnesty initiative will likely be the biggest challenge Kays and Kennedy will face.

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Students learn how to be successful with livestock marketing

By KATE HAGANS
THE COLLEGIAN

It takes a class of 21 dedicated students, working numerous hours in and out of the classroom for months, to pull off a successful 37th annual Legacy Bull Sale.

The sale, set for 3:30 p.m. on Friday at the Stanley Stout Livestock Marketing Center, is unique in that it is completely run by

K-State students enrolled in the livestock sale management class. Not only do the students run the sale the day of, but they are involved in taking and selecting photos of the cattle used in the Legacy catalog that is mailed out to potential buyers prior to the sale.

"The students are involved in making decisions for the advertisement side as well as photography of the cattle," said Dan Moser, associate professor of animal sciences and industry, in-

structor of the management class and specialist in beef cattle genetics. "A key element of the advertisement of the animals is photography and preparing the cattle for photographing."

In past months, the students have worked to prepare the selling of over 70 bulls, 20 registered purebred heifers, five elite-show heifer prospects and six ranch-broke performance horses.

Reed Gleason, junior in agricultural economics and student in the class, works at

the purebred unit where he assists in feeding and placing bulls into lots, and in the preparation of the cattle for photographs.

"One of the biggest surprises to me has been all of the advertising, paper work and the behind the scenes work that go into this event," Gleason said.

Students in the course are expected to learn how to communicate to the potential buyers. Gleason's fellow student Erica Edwards, senior in animal sci-

ences and industry, said she has learned how important customer service is when speaking with livestock producers.

"I have always known that it is a very important part of running a business but in today's competitive markets, you have to set your operation apart from others," Edwards said. "Your customer service can overall make or break a sale, it's something simple and can be overlooked many times."

K-State, Manhattan area briefs

By KAREN SARITA INGRAM
THE COLLEGIAN

President of ESPN to speak at first 2014 Landon Lecture

Prominent members of collegiate sports will be sharing their knowledge with K-State and the Manhattan community next month. The first Landon Lecture in 2014 will be in a Q-and-A format, featuring John Skipper, president of ESPN, Inc. and co-chairman of Disney Media Networks; Big 12 Conference Commissioner Bob Bowlsby; DeLoss Dodds, former athletic director of the University of Texas; and K-State President Kirk Schulz, who is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Executive Committee and its board of directors.

K-State Athletic Director John Currie will be acting as moderator for the event, which will take place April 2 at 7 p.m. in McCain Auditorium.

Campus ministry seeks volunteers for spring break project

The Ecumenical Campus Ministry is preparing to remodel the interior of its house, located at 904 Sunset Ave., to create a new meeting space for student activities. The ministry is seeking students who will be in the Manhattan area over spring break to volunteer for a "demolition party" to gut the interior of the building. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kristina Miller at 316-640-1322.

NBAF to receive \$300 million for construction

President Barack Obama announced on Tuesday the budget would include \$300 million to fund construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, according to the Associated Press. The \$1.25 billion biosecurity lab, which will be used to study various large animal diseases, is expected to employ between 250-350 people when completed.

Via Christi Health purchases Mercy Regional Health Center

Via Christi Health and the Memorial Hospital Association have announced that Via Christi has taken full control over Mercy Regional Health Center, to be renamed Via Christi Hospital later this year. Via Christi and MHA had previously maintained a joint 50-50 ownership of Mercy.

Plans are underway for Via Christi to provide \$15.5 million for the expansion of outpatient services and other needed improvements. The MHA will form a nonprofit organization to provide assistance with health services to Riley County, funded in part by the \$7 million sale of Mercy's Sunset campus to K-State.

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Question of the Day

"Will you change out of your fake Patty's Day green before going to the K-State vs. Baylor game on Saturday?"

Look for the opinion page tomorrow to see how K-Staters responded.



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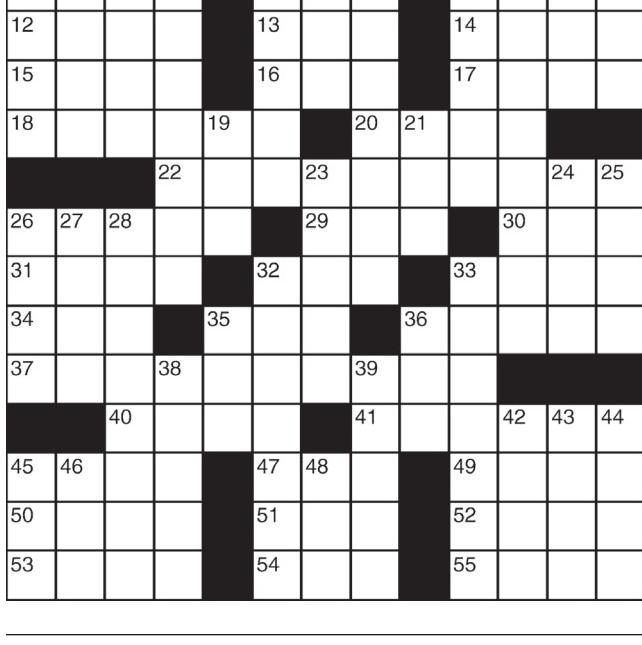
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There was an error in the March 3 issue of The Collegian. The Oklahoma state mascot was misidentified as the Sooners; they are the Cowboys. The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call managing editor Jena Sauber at 785-532-6556 or email news@kstatecollegian.com.

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The Weekly Planner

Thursday, March 6

"The Old Maid and the Thief" and "Trial by Jury"
Mark A. Chapman Theatre
Nichols Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Intramural basketball playoffs begin
Recreation Complex
It's Spring Break NOT Spring Broke
Ground floor courtyard
K-State Student Union, Noon to 1:30 p.m.
K-State Idol Auditions
Director's Conference Room
K-State Student Union, 5:30-9 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Brazil Coffee Hour
International Student Center,
4-5 p.m.
Danú
McCain Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
UPC Film: "Frozen"
Forum Hall
K-State Student Union, 8 p.m.
K-State After Hours:
Magician Mat Franco
Forum Hall
K-State Student Union, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Hallows and Horcruxes Ball
K-State Alumni Center
Tennis
K-State vs. Wichita State
Body First Fitness and Tennis Center, noon
Men's Basketball
K-State vs. Baylor
Bramlage Coliseum, 12:30 p.m.
UPC Film: "Frozen"
Forum Hall
K-State Student Union, 7 p.m.

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Pop culture is overshadowing political, global issues



JAKKI THOMPSON
THE COLLEGIAN

"2014 Oscars Red Carpet Trends: Who Wore It Best?," "The best and worst dressed stars at the 2014 Oscars," "12 Years a Slave," "Gravity" win big at the Oscars," "Putin: military force would be 'last resort' in Ukraine," "Ukraine crisis: Why it matters to the world economy."

All of these were real headlines this past Sunday night into Monday. Some may say there is a problem with the order of them, but that was how the media presented the stories' importance when they were surfacing. The attention of what celebrities wore and won at the Oscars became more significant in the news than the global impacts of the crisis developing between Ukraine and Russia.

American society has become more focused on the need and desire to know about people who have built careers around appearing in television shows and films than the global political crises that could have detrimental effects internationally. Being wrapped up in Hollywood is underutilizing the wealth of knowledge about pertinent global issues available on the Internet to the U.S. Yet, we aren't the informed society we should be.

According to an article by Bret Schulte titled, "The Ignorant American Voter," from U.S. News and World Report on June 3, 2008, "only 2 of 5 voters can name the three branches of the federal government. And 49 percent of Americans think the president has the authority to suspend the Constitution."

If you tripped up over either of those statements, please visit a civics or political science class.

But therein lies the problem: putting in the effort to be informed. Citizens would rather believe what has circulated down the proverbial grapevine than know and understand the correct answers. Politics don't seem to be a priority in this generation's lives. Instead, pop culture takes the cake for what is deemed priority.

Even though pop culture may be used as an escape from the actual realities of our political sphere, it's not an excuse to be

uninformed about current political issues and events. Rather than being informed about both, people seem to be choosing one over the other.

According to a Sept. 2, 1998 report by the Constitution Center, 81.2 percent of respondents knew how many members are in the musical group "Hanson," while only 35.5 percent of respondents knew the first three words of the Constitution. While 92.8 percent of participants knew that Spice Girls celebrates "girl power," only 41.2 percent of people knew the three branches of the federal government.

This is the problem. People are believing that "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" are credible news sources, even though the programs were created to poke fun of the actual credible news. If people watch shows like "South Park," or listen to Lady Gaga while not understanding the political satire both often evoke in their productions, we should question what information is being received and absorbed.

If you cared about the Oscars, that's fine. However, to be an informed member of the U.S., you should have also been following the problems unfolding in the Ukraine.

This column is not arguing whether the U.S. should or should not intervene, invade, impose sanctions or react in any way to the evolving crisis. What this column is advocating for is people becoming more aware of the political sphere and the issues within it. With the safety, security and comfort of living that people experience in the U.S. potentially being at risk, it is necessary to be an informed citizen and pay attention to the information that is presented and easily accessible.

While the news may be sad or at times difficult to understand, people shouldn't live ignorant of the world they live in. If you don't know about something, read up on it. Figure out what is happening and how it could affect people. Don't just focus on the trivial events of those who have been deemed "famous." Rather, focus on political events that have an impact on our local, national and global society. There is a lot happening in this world; be an informed citizen and become more aware of the world we all share.

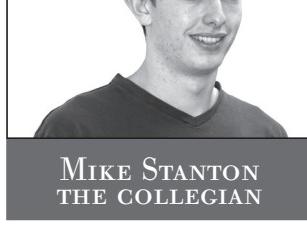
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High schooler's lawsuit against parents indicates sense of entitlement, lack of maturity



MIKE STANTON
THE COLLEGIAN

Our generation has somewhat of a bad rap. We're often perceived as technology addicted, selfish and naive. Now, while I disagree with these stereotypes wholeheartedly, situations like the one that's been unfolding in Lincoln Park, N.J. really don't do much to help my stance.

Rachel Canning, an 18-year-old honor roll student and cheerleader in her senior year at Morris Catholic High School (a private high school in Denville, N.J.), attempted to sue her parents, Sean and Elizabeth Canning, for a boatload of

financial assistance after she left home late in October.

She alleged that she was subject to "severe verbal and physical abuse" at home, according to her court certification. Canning requested that her parents to pay tuition for her final semester at the private high school (close to \$5,000), as well as living and travel expenses. Furthermore, she wanted her parents to legally commit to paying her college tuition, in addition to reimbursing the legal fees her friend's parents had been paying since the lawsuit began.

If you ask her parents, the alleged "abuse" consisted of nothing more than simple household expectations like doing chores and abiding by a curfew. According to a CNN by Laura Ly published Wednesday, after the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency interviewed Canning, her parents, and her two younger sisters, they found the allegations of abuse to be unfounded.

The family's problems began in October when Canning

was suspended from her high school for truancy. Her parents told her she could no longer see her boyfriend, who was also suspended, and took away her phone and car privileges. Court documents, cited in Ly's CNN article, said that after learning of the punishments, Canning cut class again and then left home. She spent two nights at her boyfriend's house, then moved in with a friend's family where she stayed ever since. Her friend's parents, John and Amy Inglesino, have been footing the bill for Canning's lawsuit against her parents.

To me, this whole situation reeks of a gross sense of entitlement. Canning, a legal adult, feels her parents owe her a car, a phone, a roof over her head and a college education while she ignores their rules.

I feel horrible for Canning's family. Rather than accepting the consequences for her suspension, she chose to drag her parents and two younger sisters into the national spotlight, putting them through what has to be a gut-wrenching emotional

experience, not to mention the legal fees they now have to pay just to clear their name.

To her parent's credit, they seem to be taking the high road; they've indicated that Canning will be welcomed back with open arms should she decide to come home and make amends.

The Inglesinos, the family supporting this absurd legal battle, should have known better than to get involved in another family's business. Giving Canning a place to stay is one thing, but enabling behavior like this is inexcusable. According to Canning's certification, Morris Catholic peer ministers are raising money to pay her tuition for the spring semester, which also adds fuel to the fire. I hope the high school's students recognize that donating to this cause under the guise of charity is hypocritical to the core.

An excerpt from Canning's court certification proves just how out of touch with reality she is:

"I am a very good student," she wrote. "I have no drug problems. I am a good athlete. I

work at a job outside of school. My parents simply will not help me any longer ... (They) should be required to provide for my support and education until I can stand on my own two feet. In order to do this, I had to take legal action."

She seems to think that because she does the things that "normal" high schoolers are expected to do, she deserves unlimited financial support from her parents no matter how she treats them. This self-serving and manipulative attitude is indicative of her striking lack of maturity. Canning ought to be ashamed. I can only hope that she comes to her senses and realizes she's taken things too far.

Fortunately, the judge seems to be emerging as one of the few level-headed characters in this drama. On Tuesday, Boagaard denied Canning's request for the remainder of her high school tuition. He also denied immediate financial assistance on the grounds that he didn't see an emergency situation. Further decisions about Canning's parents paying for her college

tuition will be made at another hearing.

I'm terrified of the precedent this would set if, by some miracle, Canning comes out on top in this lawsuit. Teens across the country will be suing right and left to go to college for free without holding up their end of the bargain.

Young adults throughout the country should learn from this situation. If you're lucky enough to be in a position where your parents can send you to college, be grateful and accept their authority. Not everyone gets this head start in life; to look at it as a fundamental right is despicable and immature.

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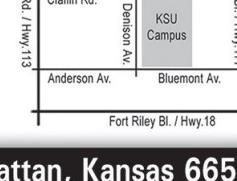
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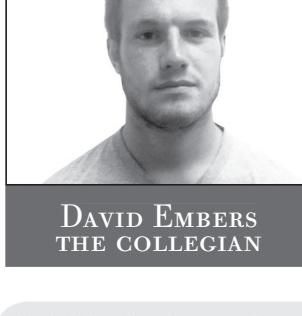
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TWEETS WITH EMBERS

David Embers responds weekly to tweets sent to @davidembers



DAVID EMBERS
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@AjHildreth: What are the top three most popular sports in America right now?

This is my column, so I'll give you my favorites. Keep in mind, America's opinion and my opinion are two totally different things.

1. Football
2. Basketball
3. Baseball

Look, I know people want soccer to be big, but it just isn't there yet. Is it on the rise? Most definitely. Unfortunately, professional soccer here in the United States is robbed of its premiere talent because players don't want to play in the MLS. Until that changes, soccer will always be on the back burner.

@NateObrien2: How do you feel about LeBron wanting to take more shots to compare to Durant, then dropping 61 Monday night?

LeBron James and Kevin Durant differ in their mentalities. LeBron is more of a facilitator, who distributes and then scores. Durant is the exact opposite: a scorer who uses that to open up his teammates. With that being said, if LeBron is able to

knock down 3-pointers consistently, no one on this planet can guard him. LeBron scored 61 points on about 67 percent shooting, and added seven rebounds against the Charlotte Bobcats on March 3. That is just amazing. He did it with Wade on the bench, meaning he was Batman and Robin at the same time.

While I'm not taking anything away from what LeBron did, it should be noted that in the past two seasons, the Bobcats have had three games where opposing players went for 57 or more points. I understand the Knicks are quite possibly the worst team ever assembled, but Carmelo Anthony scored 62 points on approximately 66 percent shooting and added 13 rebounds against the Bobcats on Jan. 24. Deron Williams was the other, when he recorded 57 points on 55 percent shooting two seasons ago on March 4, 2012. All these scoring displays are amazing, but it is no coincidence that it continues to happen against the Bobcats. They've got to make it onto SportsCenter somehow, right?

@danoco21: What are your separate Mount Rushmore's for both NBA and NFL?

In order:
NBA – Jordan, Magic, Bird,
Shaq
NFL – Rice, Montana, Payton,
Brown

@pwerrk: What is it about bananas that cause it to bruise so easily?

It's actually a pretty common chemical reaction. It is very similar to what you experience when you put french fries in a to-go box, refrigerate them and try to eat them the next day. The oxygen reacts with the

food, causing enzymes to chemically alter the texture, color and taste. I promise I didn't Google that either.

@ewyator: Why isn't Wilt Chamberlain considered the best player ever with a 30.1 ppt, 22.9 ppt, and 4.4 apt over his career? Where do you put him?

Wilt Chamberlain is the greatest pure athlete our world has ever seen. Almost unbelievably, Wilt benched 500 pounds, had a 48 inch vertical, all the while standing at 7-foot-1-inch with a wingspan just under 8 feet. Even still, Wilt isn't a top three player in my mind. First and foremost, the talent Wilt played against was not anywhere near what it is today. The NBA had no parity in the '60s. Additionally, the rules (goal-tending, free throws, three second violation) benefited him immensely. Lastly, Wilt only won two NBA titles in his 15-year career. Greatness, for me, is whether or not your dominance can translate to any era. Wilt dominated the '60s, but could he have done the same in today's NBA? I just don't think so.

@blazik: Do you think Wichita State is a legitimate National Championship contender? And if not, what do they need to do better?

No. I think Wichita State is a great team, with a very exciting style of basketball. Unfortunately, they don't have the front court to win six straight in the tournament. Just my opinion though. I'm hoping the Shockers prove me wrong.

@dain_bramage84: Does KU really deserve to be in the conversation for a 1 seed? I mean, when's the last time a 7 loss team had a 1 seed?

In any other year, Kansas is probably a two or even three seed, but the top tier teams this year just never really separated themselves. The Jayhawks played by far the hardest nonconference schedule in the nation, and stumbled several times as everyone expected. But typically the committee will reward programs for going out and challenging themselves early in the season. If Duke, Syracuse or literally anyone from the Big 10 had stepped up this year, I would say Kansas should get a No. 2 seed. However, the way things worked out, the Jayhawks became the beneficiary of some timely losses by some highly ranked teams and will likely slide in as the fourth No. 1 seed, barring an unforeseen loss.

@mathia26: how do you think Wichita State's season would have gone if they played a Big 12 Conference schedule?

Wichita State would probably finish 11-7 in the Big 12, meaning they would likely tie for second with two or three other teams. They are a very good team, with some essentials missing, like a true big man. The Big 12 is just brutal. Kansas, which is step above everyone else, is currently sitting at 5-5 on the road in the conference. It's a dogfight every night, no matter who you are playing (unless it's TCU). I want to believe the Shockers would perform at a high level, but can you imagine Wichita State playing a Saturday game against Oklahoma State and then turning around and playing a Big Monday game against Kansas? Gregg Marshall is beginning to cry just thinking

about it.

@G8ogrif: Do ou think the Thunder would have been better off trading Westbrook instead of Harden?

I was off the Westbrook bandwagon last season. I think he is a great player in the wrong system. He is a square peg in a round hole. We saw a glimpse of his talent Tuesday night when Westbrook recorded a triple-double in 21 minutes. To be completely fair, it was simply Oklahoma City's cheap general manager that cost the Thunder from having a nearly unstoppable three-headed monster. I mean, let's be real ... who did the Thunder get in return for Harden? Jeremy Lamb, Kevin Martin and a couple terrible draft picks that would ultimately become Steven Adams. If I was in charge, and was forced to trade, I would have sent Westbrook to the door and demanded a top 10 center in the league in return. Can you imagine the Thunder's title chances if their starting line-up looked like Reggie Jackson, Kevin Durant, James Harden, Serge Ibaka and, say, Al Jefferson? Wow.

@PhilNaldo: if you were to create a time capsule, what would you put in it for the future to know that best describes our generation?

M&M's and Pepsi. They might not remember our generation, but at least they would know they hit the jackpot.

David Embers is junior in biology. Please send comments to sports@kstatecollegian.com.

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BY JOHN ZETMEIR
THE COLLEGIAN

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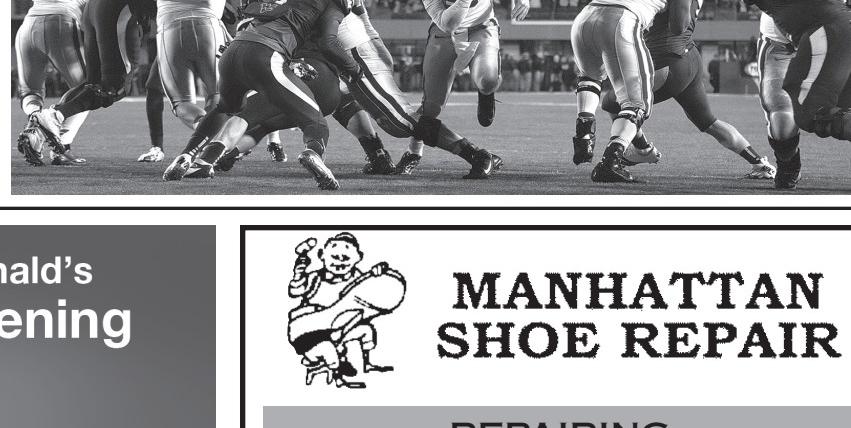
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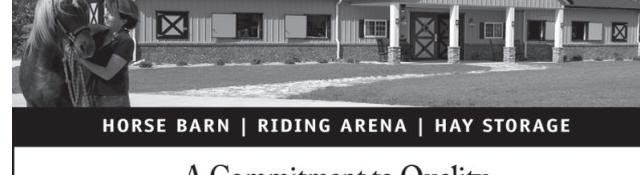
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For students that observe Lent: make actions intentional, purposeful



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

Father Jarett Konrade delivers his homily during the 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Isidore's.

BY JENA SAUBER
THE COLLEGIAN

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent – the period of religious preparation for Easter on April 20. It is commonly celebrated by members of the Christian faith, including Catholics, Methodists and Lutherans, but the time before Easter can be a period of intentional reflection and preparation for anyone who wants to take part.

While Lent has been observed for centuries, what it actually means may be cloudy for some students. But a very important part of observing Lent is understanding what it is, what the components mean and its intended purpose.

What is Lent?

According to the website Catholic Culture, Lent is a period of approximately 40 days meant to be spent in "prayerful and penitential preparation for the feast of Easter."

Lent is an opportunity to take a break from the daily drama that can obscure faithfulness. It is a period of retreat to be intentional about worshipping, self-penance and turning a critical lens on ourselves. Have we allowed material possessions to get in the way? Are we more focused on our worldly accomplishments than our spiritual health? Lent is a time to reflect on these issues, repent our sins and renew our promise to be faithful.

Giving something up

A common Lenten practice is to "give something up," or deny it from Ash Wednesday until Easter. In practice today, it is intended to be a time to work towards removing unholiness distractions and refocusing on your relationship with God.

However, this isn't always how Lent is utilized. Some people treat the giving up of something enjoyable for Lent simply as routine or something

they "have to do." That's not the intention, and when that happens, the real meaning of Lent is lost.

Sacrificing something during Lent shouldn't be like giving up pop or cutting back on your cable package just because you drink a Dr. Pepper every day or you watch a little bit too much of *The Walking Dead*. Sure, what you chose to give up during Lent should be a sacrifice, but giving things up "just because it's Lent" isn't in the true spirit of the season.

Instead, it's important to think about what is standing in your way of a better relationship with God. Do you spend excessive time on Twitter or Facebook that you could instead spend praying? Are your eating habits preventing you from being the best person you can be to serve God?

Critically reflect on your own faith relationship and find what is holding you back. When you give something up, you should be gaining a better faith relationship in return. If you aren't, it may be time to reconsider your choice.

Opposingly, some people choose to do something additional during Lent, like volunteer or donate resources. Donating your time or resources for God can be wonderful, but it should be done intentionally. Consider why you are donating your time during Lent. Is it to make yourself "feel" better? Is it to actually make a difference in people's lives? What kind of difference? It's important to remember that Lent is about religious reflection and preparation; if you choose to serve, challenge your notion of how your service fits into your faith journey.

It's also a widely circulated rumor that it's okay to indulge in what you've given up on Fridays. This is not in the spirit of Lent. Giving something up isn't about not eating candy or not tweeting for 40 days. It's about eliminating barriers to worship that can allow you to purposefully

and thoughtfully improve your relationship with God. That doesn't get a "free pass" on Fridays and neither should you.

Fish Fridays

During Lent, many Catholics also choose to practice variations of the idea of abstaining from meat products – generally excluding fish – on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during the Lenten season. Historically, meat has been associated with celebration and feasts.

Through Catholic history, there have been varying decrees about when to eat meat and when to abstain, including during Lent.

Fish is typically allowed on Fridays during Lent because it doesn't have "the same status as the flesh of mammals and birds," according to the University of Detroit Mercy, a Catholic University. Fish historically hasn't been considered to be on the "same level" as other meat, which makes it permissible.

Easter

Easter and springtime are both almost synonymous with new beginnings: Easter is the Christian celebration of Jesus rising from the dead; during springtime, new flowers and plants grow, and animals are born. Life returns in the spring.

Like these new beginnings, the end of the Lenten season is an opportunity to be "reborn" in your faith. While, technically, the practices observed during Lent are over, there is a formal chance to re-dedicate yourself to your faith and continue the improvements you've made.

A choice

Ultimately, choosing to or not to observe Lent is up to each person. Different faiths have slightly different guidelines for the period of reflection and purposeful worship, but the important thing is to do it with intentionality. Don't just go through the motions.



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Altar server **Nate Hoffman**, junior in accounting, rubs ashes in the sign of a cross on a parishioner's forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Isidore's on Wednesday.

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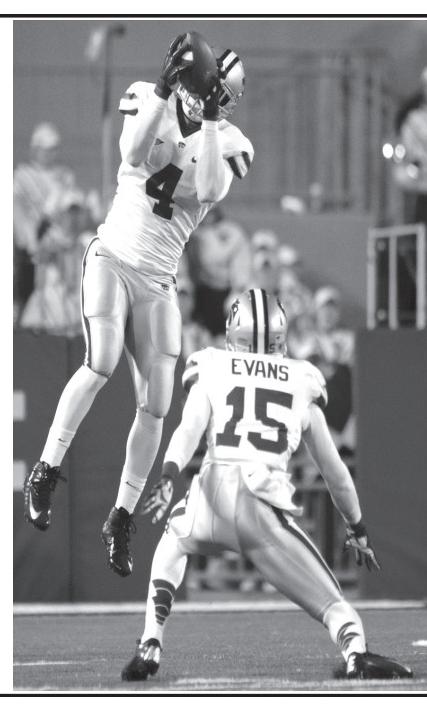
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Square Enix's remake of classic stealth video game 'Thief' misses its mark

Thief

★★★☆☆
Game review by
Collin Weaver

Looking Glass Studios released "Thief: The Dark Project" to widespread critical acclaim in 1998. If players look at any stealth game, there is a good chance they will be able to see the influence that "Thief: The Dark Project" had on it. The game practically defined the stealth genre with gameplay that had players paying careful attention to details like light and sound in order to remain hidden.

It may not be a surprise that Square Enix, a video game developer, publisher, and distribution company, wanted to bring back this classic series. Unfortunately, it did not capture what made the original game so great.

I had so much trouble figuring out what my feelings were for "Thief," the fourth title in the "Thief" series. The game can not seem to figure out what it wants to be. For everything that I loved about the original game, there was something that made it horrible in the new one.

For instance, the game looks incredible. Environments are gorgeous, lighting is superb and the main character, Garrett, animates beautifully.

Also, since the game utilizes a first-person camera angle, players see Garrett's hands picking locks, opening safes, feeling around picture frames for hidden switches and, of course, stealing everything that is not nailed to the floor. These animations are incredibly immersive and do a good job of reinforcing the idea

that Garrett is a nimble-fingered master thief.

However, counteracting the stellar animations, the game suffers from serious performance issues. I had consistent and massive frame-rate drops in the open world hub area that begins every mission. I dreaded having to go there, which is a massive bummer, because I really wanted to explore more of the area.

But, once inside the smaller mission and side-quest areas, the frame rate tended to be more consistent and smooth.

Another drawback was that I had a lot of issues with sound design. For a game whose legacy includes careful utilization of sound cues to supplement stealth strategies, the aural experience in "Thief" is awful.

It is near impossible to use sound to locate threats. You may hear a guard snoring in a room three floors above you, but you don't hear the two guards having a conversation in the room right next to you until you walk into the room. In some games, this isn't an issue. In a game like "Thief," however, it can cause endless amounts of frustration.

Cutscenes have terrible sound mixing problems, too. Sometimes the music is louder than the voices and sound effects. Other times voices are louder than the sound effects, which are quieter than the music. Not that it matters though, because the sound effects and voice acting are fairly weak.

The soundtrack, while decent, also feels inconsistent with the tone of the game. It is a heavy synth-based affair that sounds more at home in an '80s action movie than a dark, Victoria

Steampunk fantasy.

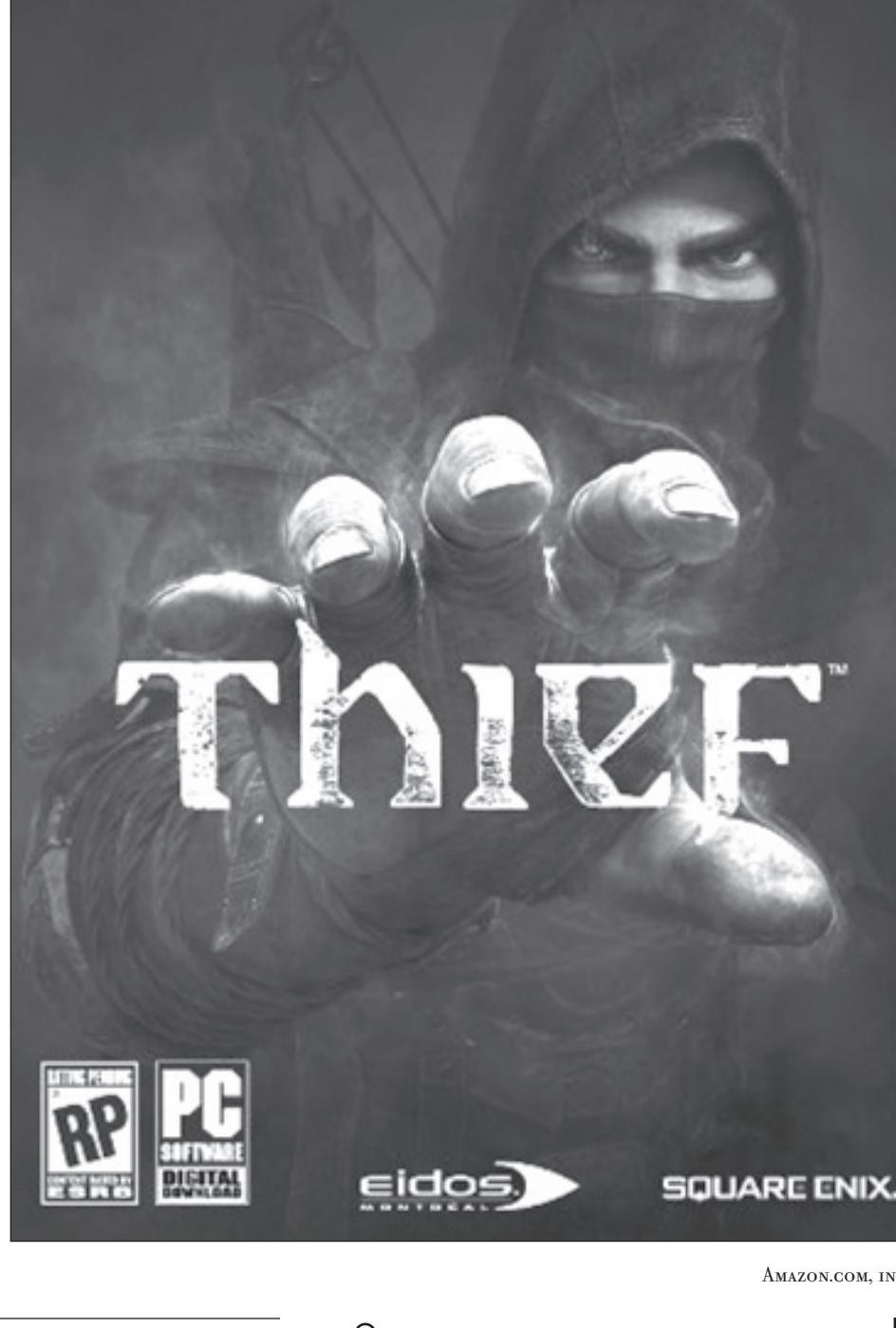
These issues would matter less if the story in "Thief" was actually good. However, it is an incomprehensible mess. I don't want to waste precious space talking about it. It's just bad, and I am going to leave it at that.

Game play in "Thief" is extremely polarizing. The original games had levels with multiple ways to complete objectives. While that aspect is present in this game, it is a much more pared down and simplified approach. There may be two or three ways to do something, but that variety doesn't change from level to level. Player's options usually boil down to going in the front door, going through the back door or climbing through some ventilation ducts.

The game also tries to incorporate aspects of "Assassin's Creed" or "Uncharted." It tries to do this by platforming segments, where the camera zooms back and players can see Garrett climbing around in a third person perspective. These are not bad, per se, just unnecessary.

"Thief" suffers from so many problems, but when it shines, it really, really shines. Some missions are excellent and capture the feel of the old games really well. When the game comes together and everything works perfectly, it's stealth perfection. Though few and far between, these moments save the game from mediocrity; but it still is not enough to make this game what it should have been.

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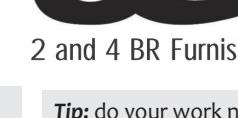
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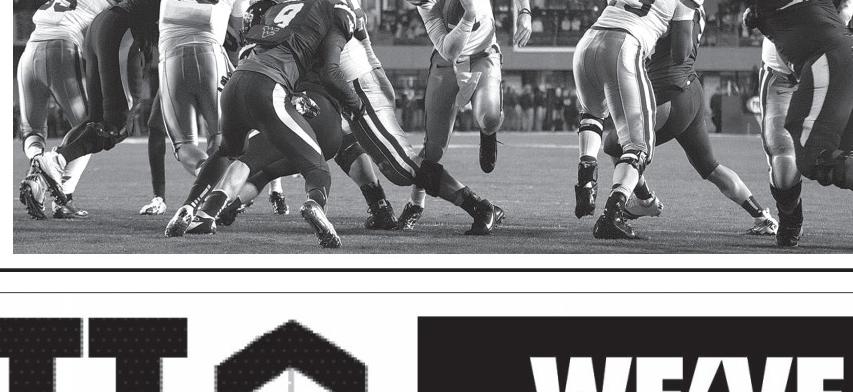
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"It's going to require coordination with the other student body presidents around the state, which will take a little external outside effort," Schooley said. "It's still doable, and it's definitely a great goal, they'll just have to work hard on it from day one."

Although things didn't work out quite as well for Romine and Davis, the two were happy with what they accomplished through their campaign.

"My goal from the start was to get some ideas out there, and that's what happened," Romine, sophomore in biology, said. "We knew we were a long shot, but we

didn't lose anything by going after it the last couple weeks."

Although the two are both sophomores, Romine said he wasn't sure whether they'd make another run at the office next year.

Kays and Kennedy said they plan to sit down with Romine and Davis and discuss how they could potentially implement some of their opponents' platform initiatives.

"I was impressed by their push to get involved," Kays said. "People with that much passion, I think they need to be involved in some way, and Cody and I are definitely open to getting 'em on a committee or getting them involved in student govern-

ment in some way."

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Drew Unruh, 203 votes; Emily Wheeler, 188; Patrick Kennedy, 134; Michael Emley, 127; Caitlyn Webb, 115; Spencer Brown, 115; Hannah Sharp, 113

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Taco Bell breakfast menu to hit over 5,500 locations

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In February, Taco Bell announced on its website that franchise locations nationwide, including in the Manhattan area, will be adding a breakfast menu starting March 27.

Though the menu will be a new ordering experience for many, the menu has already been implemented in other locations as testing centers.

Breakfast options

Jennifer Ray, graduate student in agricultural education and communication from Atwater, Calif., said there has already been a Taco Bell breakfast menu there for "at least a few months" and suggested the Cinnabon Delights option.

"If you like cinnamon rolls, then you will love those things," Ray said. "They are heavenly."

Cinnabon Delights come in orders of four and are described as "golden bite-sized pastries filled with warm Cinnabon frosting, dusted with the famous Cinnabon Makara cinnamon sugar and served warm."

Other breakfast menu items include a waffle taco, breakfast burrito, A.M. crunchwrap, A.M. grilled taco and Cinnabon delights. These items will become available from 7-11 a.m. or earlier at more than 5,500 restaurants nationally. According to photos, few appear to have ta-co-based ingredients.

Jarrod Beam, senior in animal sciences and industries, said he is very excited about the breakfast menu.

"It is going to be breakfast burrito central," Beam said.

Though some might feel excitement with the new menu, others expressed hesitation about its nutritional value.

Corey Schaad, senior in public relations, said he used to eat Taco Bell often, but decided he wanted to eat healthier.

"Now I only eat there every once in a while, but I will definitely have to try it at some point," Schaad said.

The Cinnabon Delights have 260 calories, 130 mg. of sodium and 16 grams of sugar per serving; a side order of hash browns has 160 calories, 11 g. of fat and 250 mg of sodium. Other breakfast item nu-

trition information was not available from Taco Bell.

Not as successful?

Manhattan has three Taco Bell locations: the K-State Student Union Food Court, 1009 Limey Pointe and 1155 Westport Drive.

"I only think breakfast will be a hit if the Union serves breakfast items to students in the morning," Schaad said.

Beam also said he doesn't think Taco Bell breakfast will be as successful here in Manhattan as other places around the nation. It would probably be a bigger hit in smaller towns, Beam said.

"Breakfast time is usually when students have classes or are sleeping," Beam said. "This gives options to other people in smaller communities more of a variety, but here we have many options. But this breakfast burrito option is a great new option."

To the contrary, Grace Stanfield, junior in entrepreneurship, said she thinks the breakfast menu will be quite a hit.

"Anything at Taco Bell is going to be a hit in a college town," Stanfield said. "As long as Taco Bell offers the items until at least 11 a.m., they should be a success."



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The waffle taco and A.M. crunchwrap are two of Taco Bell's new breakfast items coming to Manhattan on March 27.

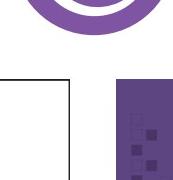
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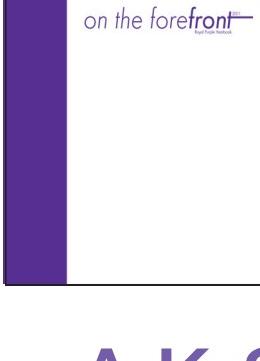
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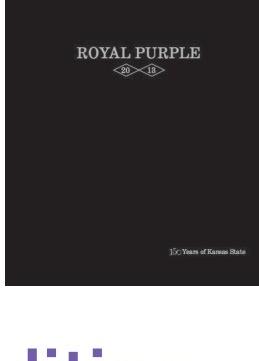
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